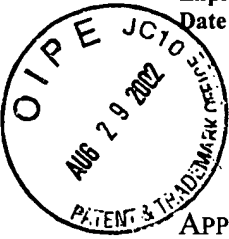


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: Lyons *et al.*
SERIAL NUMBER: 10/005,228 EXAMINER: Not Yet Assigned
FILING DATE: December 3, 2001 ART UNIT: 1636
FOR: METHOD AND COMPOSITION FOR MODULATING BONE GROWTH

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a five-month extension of time to respond to the January 30, 2002, Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application, in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before August 30, 2002. A check in the amount of \$1,960.00 (Check #13875) is enclosed to cover the fee for the extension of time.

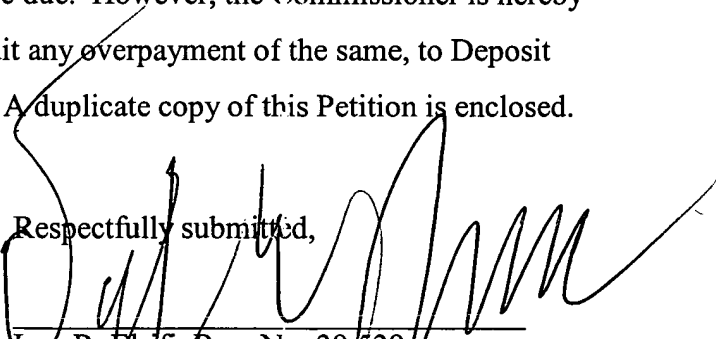
Applicants believe that no additional fees are due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees due or credit any overpayment of the same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference No. 22058-554). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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